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SUBJECT: PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS ON MINIATURE
NUCLEAR WEAPONS

REFS: (A) THE HAGUE A-133

(B) THE HAGUE 2820

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1. MFA NATO/WEU DIVISION HAS ASKED FOR EMBASSY
ASSISTANCE IN PREPARING REPLY TO NEW SERIES OF
PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS ADDRESSED TO DEFMIN VREDELING
AND FONMIN VAN DER STOEL ON JULY 16 AS RESULT OF RECENT
CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY BY AEC OFFICIAL CONCERNING
ALLEGED US PLANS TO DEPLOY "MINI-NUCS" IN EUROPE. MFA
OFFICER ASKED FOR UPDATE OF INFO EMBASSY PROVIDED PER
PARA 4 REF C IN CONNECTION WITH RESPONSE VREDELING MADE
TO EARLIER QUESTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT JUNE 21 (REFS A
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AND B). AS VREDELING MUST RESPOND TO QUESTIONS BY

AUGUST 31, MFA OFFICER SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE INFO
SOONEST. PLEASE ADVISE.

2. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF QUESTIONS SUBMITTED
BY RADICAL PARTY MP'S WALTMANS AND DE GAAY FORTMAN, JR.
IS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) DOES THE GOVERNMENT KNOW THAT, ACCORDING
TO A REPORT OF A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN
CONGRESS, THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT PLANS TO REPLACE THE
PRESENT NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE BY A SMALLER, MORE
ACCURATE TYPE, THE SO-CALLED "MININUKES"?

(B) ARE OUR ALLIES AWARE OF THE NETHERLANDS
GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO TRY TO PLACE THE DENUCLEARI-
ZATION OF EUROPE ON THE AGENDA OF THE MBFR-NEGOTIATIONS IN
VIENNA, AND IF SO, WHAT WAS THE REACTION OF THE
AMERICAN GOVERNMENT?

(C) NOW THAT THE PLANS OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT
HAVE BECOME PUBLIC, ARE THE MINISTERS ABLE TO
ANSWER QUESTIONS 3, 5 AND 6 OF THE SERIES
OF QUESTIONS ASKED THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE ON MAY 14?
(SEE REF A).

(D) IS THE GOVERNMENT PREPARED TO CONTACT AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE THE NATO-ALLIES TO EXPRESS ITS CONCERN
OVER A POSSIBLE LOWERING OF THE NUCLEAR THRESHOLD IN
EUROPE?
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